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Selection of Deputy Registrars of Co-operative Societies from Assistant Registrars.

*363 Q.—Mr. T. ADINARAYANA CHETTIYAR: Will the hon. the Minister for Development be pleased to state—

(a) whether it is a fact that in appointing Deputy Registrars from the ranks of the Assistant Registrars the claims of some senior men with higher educational qualifications were overlooked; and

(b) if so, the reasons for this?

A.—(a) & (b) The claims of all officers were duly considered.

Exemption of Banks and Co-operative Societies from payment of Companies tax.

*364 Q.—Mr. R. SRINIVASA AYYANGAR: Will the hon. the Minister for Development be pleased to state whether the question of exempting the Banks and Societies registered under the Co-operative Societies Act II of 1912 from payment of Companies tax is still under consideration or any order has been passed and, if so, to lay it on the table?

A.—The question is still under the consideration of the Government.

Mr. R. SRINIVASA AYYANGAR:—"In view of the fact that the matter has been under consideration for a long time, may I ask the hon. the Minister to expedite the same?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur T. N. SIVAGNANAM PILLAI:—"Since the answer was given, the Local Self-Government has passed orders that these are to be exempted."

Mr. R. SRINIVASA AYYANGAR:—"May I request the hon. the Minister to say when that order will be placed on the table?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur T. N. SIVAGNANAM PILLAI:—"The order has been sent to the Press for publication in the *Fort St. George Gazette*."

Mr. T. ADINARAYANA CHETTIYAR:—"May I know whether the order is merely 'impotent' with regard to local bodies or is it binding on them?"

Industries.

The strength of the Leather Trades Institute.

*365 Q.—Mr. A. RANGANATHA MUDALIYAR: Will the hon. the Minister for Development be pleased to state the number of students on the rolls of the Leather Trades Institute in the current year, as well as in the two previous years?

A.—1923-24	... ...	21
1924-25	... ...	10
1925-26	... ...	6 up to date.

More admissions are expected.

Mr. A. RANGANATHA MUDALIYAR:—"May I know whether Government have not prescribed the date within which applications should be sent in for admission?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur T. N. SIVAGNANAM PILLAI:—"No date."